Meeting of Tariff Negotiations Committee: Conference Arrangements

1. From the information available to the secretariat, it appears clear that negotiations between Switzerland and a certain number of participating governments will not be finished by the end of August. In view of this and of the fact that the Bâtiment Electoral will no longer be available in September, the Chairman has decided to convene a meeting of the Tariff Negotiations Committee in order to make the necessary arrangements. The meeting will take place on Friday 15 August 1958 at 10.30 a.m. in the Bâtiment Electoral.

2. To facilitate the task of the Committee, the following information is brought to the attention of delegations.

   An alternative to the Bâtiment Electoral, if considerably less spacious, is available in the Villa Les Ormeaux, which is well known to Delegates who participated in the 1955 and 1956 Tariff Negotiations. The main problem which faces the Committee is that of hotel accommodation during the Atomic Conference (1 to 13 September 1958). It appears in fact that for this period hotels are completely booked up in Geneva and that it is extremely difficult to find rooms within reasonable distance from Geneva. The Committee may therefore wish to consider whether it would not be best to rent "Les Ormeaux" as from Monday 15 September 1958. This need not imply an interruption of bilateral discussions. It is suggested that, wherever possible, arrangements could be made between the Swiss and other Delegations to continue bilateral discussions in Bern or elsewhere.

3. The Committee might also wish to consider fixing a date for the conclusion of the negotiations.

4. In view of the limited number of offices in "Les Ormeaux" delegations are requested to notify to the secretariat their minimum requirements before 15 August 1958.